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1. LEAD EDITORIAL IN THE APRIL 9 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL
"NO MEETING OF THE MINDS" CONCLUDES THAT AFTER FOUR DAY
"PEACEMAKING SAFARI" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AMERICAN SECRE-
TARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY
DAVID OWEN RETURNED TO LONDON "WITHOUT A SINGLE TROPHY
TO SHOW FOR THEIR EFFORTS".

2. ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL, "MR SMITH'S ONE
CONCESSION WAS TO AGREE TO WITHHOLD, FOR THE TIME BEING,
FINAL REJECTION OF THE BRITISH-AMERICAN PEACE PROPOSALS".

3. BOTH MR VANCE AND MR OWEN WERE OPTIMISTIC
THAT THE PEACEMAKING EFFORT WAS WORTHWHILE, BUT
EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT "ALTHOUGH OPTIMISM RESTS ON NO
VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT, IT MAY BE LESS FATUOUS THAN IT
SOUNDS. FOR WHAT MR VANCE AND MR OWEN KNOW BUT CAN'T
SAY PUBLICLY IS THAT THERE IS A LOT OF BLUFF IN THE
POSITIONS OF BOTH CAMPS, SALISBURY AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT".
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